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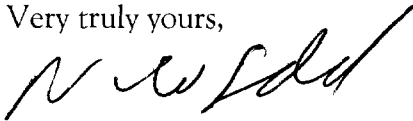
**Re: Passaic River Study Area  
Request for Information Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §9601, et seq.**

Dear Ms. Reddy:

I represent Newark Boxboard Company, who received the above-referenced request on March 1, 2003. I am writing to confirm a conversation I had this afternoon with Ms. Patricia Hick of your office who returned my call to you earlier in the day to discuss an extension of the time to respond to USEPA's information request. I informed Ms. Hick that the personnel at the facility who will be involved in preparing the response are relatively new and therefore will require more than 20 business days to locate and evaluate potentially responsive information. Based on her review of the file in this matter, Ms. Hick agreed to an extension to April 15, 2003. I informed Ms. Hick that I was thinking of an extension through April 30; she replied that I could contact you later in April if yet more time is needed.

My client and I appreciate Ms. Hick's efforts while you are away. Thank you.

Very truly yours,



Norman W. Spindel

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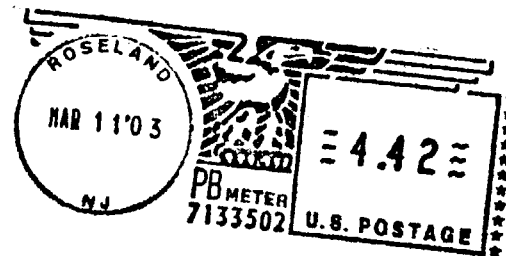
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